

REMARKS

Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has amended the preamble of the independent claims to clarify that Applicant's invention directed to graphs composed of nodes representing entities and edges representing relationships between the entities. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendment because Applicant had defined the term accordingly within the specification at, *intra alia*, paragraph 8. Furthermore, the amendments DO NOT raise new issues because the Examiner is presumed to have conducted a search based on the invention as described in the specification:

The first search should cover the invention as described and claimed, including the inventive concepts toward which the claims appear to be directed [MPEP 904].

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-27

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Weil et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,278,462. Applicant does not admit that Weil is prior art and reserves the right to swear behind the reference at a later date. Nonetheless, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's invention as claimed in claims 1-27 is not anticipated by Weil.

Weil discloses graphical schemes that may be applied to components within a composition, such as a document or web page, to affect the display of the composition on a computer screen. Attributes of the components, such as fonts, colors, etc., are set to the values specified in the scheme. Schemes may be created according to pre-defined templates.

Applicant's claims are directed toward graphs, not graphics. The word "graph" is a term of art well understood as meaning a structure of nodes and edges. In contrast, the term "graphics" as used in Weil, as well as in the art, means the display of images on a computer screen. Although the Examiner is required to interpret the claims broadly, the

Examiner's interpretation must be consistent with the specification [MPEP 2111]. Here, the Examiner has interpreted the term "graph" contrary to the definition Applicant set forth in the specification and contrary to the commonly accepted definition of the term within the art. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Examiner has improperly interpreted Applicant's claims. When the claims are properly interpreted, Weil cannot be construed as teaching the claimed invention because Weil contains no disclosure directed toward graphs having nodes and edges.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the invention claims in claims 1-27 is not anticipated by Weil under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-27 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-3476.

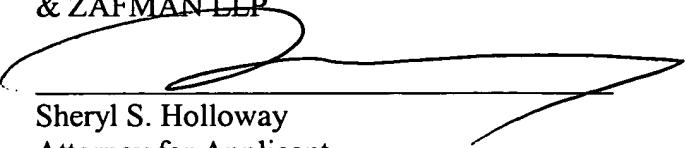
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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